GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:319
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IMPLEMENTATION OF PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State. Government have been asked by the Union Government to send reports regarding the effective implementation of Panchayati Raj System in their respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States which have already sent the reports in this regard;

(d) the steps taken/assistance provided by the Union Government for decentralisation of the administrative work; and

(e) the extent of success achieved in this regard as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRIMANISHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 319 FOR 05.09.2007

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. At the Meeting of the Committee of State Secretaries of Panchayati Raj held on 6 August 2007 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Panchayati Raj, Government of India, State Governments were requested to send reports updated to 30 September 2007 regarding the effective implementation of the Panchayati Raj system in then-respective States/UTs for incorporation in the independent evaluation being undertaken by the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) on the current State of the Panchayats, in continuation of the report on The State of the Panchayats - A Mid-Term Review and Appraisal placed on the Table of both Houses on 23 November 2006. IRMA`s independent evaluation is expected to be presented to Parliament and the Nation on Panchayati Raj Diwas 24 April 2008.

(d): To reinforce the National Roadmap for Panchayati Raj set out in the Compendium of Conclusions adopted unanimously after the seven Round Table meetings of Panchayati Raj Ministers in 2004, the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj has signed Joint Statements of Conclusions with the Chief Ministers or other authorities concerned of the 22 States and Union Territories where he has thus far undertaken Panchayati Raj tours. Emphasis is being given to the preparation of detailed Activity Maps to clearly spell out the activities related to devolved functions to each of the three tiers of the Panchayati Raj system. The same Activity Map is then expected to serve as the basis for the simultaneous or progressive devolution of finances and functions to each level of activity. Details of assistance provided to States and Union Territories for Capacity Building and Technology Upgradation and Training for Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions are given at Annexures I & II.

(e): The present status of devolution of functions, funds and functionaries to Panchayati Raj Institutions is summarized at Annexe- III.